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IN THE CLAIMS:

Claims 1-11 (Cancelled).

12. (New) A hatch protection device for a first hatch cover mounted in a roof of a vehicle, comprising:

a shaft extending from the vehicle roof;

a first armored plate mounted to the shaft above the vehicle roof; and

means for rotating the first armored plate about the longitudinal axis of the shaft, between a position covering the entire first hatch cover and a position not covering the first hatch cover.

13. (New) The vehicle hatch protection device of claim 12, wherein the shaft is mounted to an edge of the first armored plate.

14. (New) The vehicle hatch protection device of claim 13, the vehicle having a second hatch mounted in the vehicle roof, further comprising:

a second armored plate mounted to the shaft above the vehicle roof; and

means for rotating the second armored plate about the longitudinal axis of the shaft between a position covering the second hatch cover when the first armored plate is covering the first hatch cover and a position not covering the second hatch cover when the first armored plate is not covering the first hatch cover.